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Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$290.00	\$ -0-
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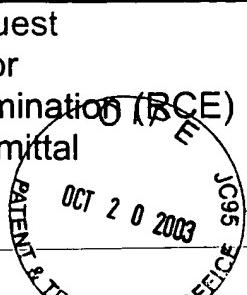
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